While on the one hand, there is a serious transportation problem in the Begusarai, Munger, Khagaria and Jamui districts, on the other development work has come to a standstill. If this bridge is constructed, it would not only increase the revenue of the Government but also prove beneficial to four crores of people. Although both Pandit Nehru and Shrimati Indira Gandhi, had given assurances in this regard in 1953 and 1971 respectively, the Union Government is yet to take any concrete action. I request the Central Government to allocate the necessary finance and start construction work of the bridge without delay.

SHRI SUKDEV PASWAN(Araria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bihar produces more Jute than Bengal or Orissa and I represent the Araria Parliamentary constituency, which contributes major chunk to the total jute production. Last year, the procurement price for jute was Rs. 600 to Rs. 700 per quintal, but now it has been reduced to Rs. 300 to Rs. 400 per quintal. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I had allowed a half an hour discussion on this issue and many questions were raised and answered on this topic. This is misuse of time, you are infringing on other's time. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa) : Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this House a very important issue. 'INDRADHANUSH' a video cassette magazine, has carried an interview—in their August issue—of one Shri Rajendra Dara, who is writing an investigative book on PEPSI. In that interview he has raised certain important points in regard to the hand behind the Rajiv Gandhi assassination. A pertinent question has been raised, whether the CIA and PEPSI are involved in this. The Censor Board has not permitted this to go in that issue. They have deleted it. Why has this been done ? We are apprehensive that an attempt is going on to subvert any attempt to unravel the conspirators behind the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi and those who have motivated LTTE in doing that kind of ghastly act. You will also remember about the musterious death of Shanmugam which has caused a lot of apprehension in our mind.

You also know how the Thakkar Commission report, that part which mentioned about the foreign powers' involvement in Indira Gandhi's murder case, was not placed before the House. I have these paper cuttings with me wherein the Home Minister has said in the other House that Rajiv Gandhi became an irritant to some of the countries who are left unchallenged as super powers. That had been contradicted by Foreign Office. I want to know that in every step where an attempt is made to unravel the conspirators behind the assassination, there is an attempt to subvert it and suppress it. I want a definite statement. Who are the people responsible for not clearing this in the Censor Board ? We have a right to know.

This man Shri Rajendra Dara will give all the information to the Home Minister. He must be protected. He is writing an investigative book. He must be having many clues. These clues can be pieced together. I will hand over all the information to the Home Minister. Shri Dara should be protected and information from him should be taken for the Inquiry Commission that is going into the case. That is very important. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Tanskura) : This is really a very important matter.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman-Nicobar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have a very importat matter.... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Every day you want to bring important matters. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : The High Court of Calcutta is also

functioning as the High Court for the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar islands. But, of late, there is a conspiracy going on in a section of the bureaucracy in the island. They want to change that provision and have a Judicial Commissioner's post which is an inferior type of judiciary and the people of Andaman and Nicobar are not willing to accept that position. Fortunately, my good friend, Shri Rangarajan Kumaramangalam is also here. I would like to request him to consider to have a single-member permanent Bench of Calcutta High Court at Port Blair. This is the need of the islanders. (*Interruptions*).

Sir, the Minister wants to reply.

MR. SPEAKER : I have no objection, if he wants to reply.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada) : That is pre-arranged.

MR. SPEAKER : Even then, it is welcome!

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIR (Shri Rangarajan Kumaramangalam) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I understand that the High Court Judicature of Calcutta is seriously considering having a permanent Circuit Bench at Port Blair and we hope that a decision will be taken soon. Thereafter we will have a permanent Bench at Port Blair. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI BRISHIN PATEL (Siwan) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Siwan is an important district of Bihar. The First President of India, Desh Ratna, Dr. Rajendra Prasadji and Maulana Mazrool Haq Saheb came from this district. But I am sorry to say that the district has been deprived of the facilities provided by the Railway Board.....(*Interruptions*).....

MR. SPEAKER : We have already had a discussion on the Railway Budget .....(*Interruptions*).....

SHRI BRISHIN PATEL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no mention about Bihar in the Railway Budget....(*Interruptions*).....Please allow me to say what I want to say....(*Interruptions*)..... Only Vaishali Super Fast Train runst here. I demand that the Central Government should run one more Super Fast Train in the memory of Desh Ratna.

MR. SPEAKER : You have already had a discussion on the Railway for 10 hours but even then you speak. Let other members speak. (*Inetrruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down, not like this. Shrimati Suseela Gopalan.

SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN (Chirayinkil) : Sir, Onam is a national festival of Kerala and all the employees of the State Government and public sector cooperatives and even the petty shop owners are given salary advance and bonus advance. But the Central Government is not prepared to give this bonus advance and salary advance to their employees. Especially this year Onam falls at the end of this month. It is very difficult for the middle class employees to get on without these advances. You should take steps to disburse salary advance and bonus advance to the Central Government employees also.

One thing more. The Onam celebration is affected because of the lack of wagons to transport things into Kerala and to take them out of Kerala. This is a very important issue because Rs. 4·50 crores worth of coir goods are stranded and also 20,000 bags of cement is held up. So, the workers are actually going to be laid off. Therefore, immediate steps should be taken in this regard.

Wheat also is not taken to Kerala because in the open market there is no wheat and all the flour mills are